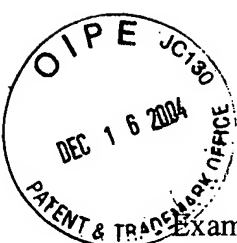


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STATUS INQUIRY

The above-identified patent application has been on file approximately twelve months, and Applicants' attorneys have not yet received an Office Action. The Office is requested to inform the undersigned of the status of this application.

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